
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that after a natural
2 disaster, business recovery is vital to helping entire
3 communities recover. Businesses play an important role in
4 providing resources and information after a natural disaster.
5 Establishment of a business recovery center to facilitate
6 communication between state and county agencies and local
7 businesses will assist in this effort.

8 The legislature further finds that the department of
9 defense was recently awarded \$1,159,000 in federal funds from
10 the United States Department of Commerce to be used for the
11 establishment of a business recovery center. In order to access
12 these federal funds, state matching funds of \$328,000 must also
13 be provided.

14 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys for the
15 establishment of a business recovery center within the
16 department of defense.



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$328,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for the
4 purpose of matching federal funds to establish a business
5 recovery center.

6 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
7 defense for the purposes of this Act.

8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.
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Report Title:

Business Recovery Center; Natural Disaster; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a business recovery center within the department of defense.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1343
A BILL RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENTATION TO
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS

BY
BRIGADIER GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
February 6, 2015

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development & Business:

I am Brigadier General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1343.

This measure appropriates \$328,000.00 for the establishment of a business recovery center within the Department of Defense. This appropriation is necessary for the State of Hawaii to receive the Federal match of \$1,159,000.00 to support this initiative.

A business recovery center is an online website where business and government agencies collaborate before, during and after a disaster. Federal disaster program information is distributed through this portal.

After a major disaster, the longer a business remains closed dramatically increases the risk of that business failing. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has found that about 40% of small businesses fail after a catastrophic event.

The business recovery center will be an important part of Hawaii's recovery after a major disaster. Please support this important resiliency initiative.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 1343.

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

TESTIMONY ON HB 1343

PRESENTATION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS

BY

DOUG MAYNE
ADMINISTRATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
February 5, 2015

Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong and Members of the Committee.

I am Doug Mayne and I am the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** to HB 1343.

House Bill 1343 proposes to appropriate bond funding to match a federal grant of \$1,159,000 to enable Hawai'i to develop a Business Recovery Center (BRC). The purpose of the Business Recovery Center is to become a location (physical and virtual) for the private sector and government to share information and collaborate before, during and after disasters.

Activities that will occur in the BRC include: establishing information channels to allow the private sector to access information including the status of utilities and roads; allowing the private sector to post information about operating hours during and after disasters; and a location to post requests for proposals so local businesses can bid on contracts let during and after disasters.

The focus of the BRC is to develop procedures to speed information flow and collaboration to ensure the economy of Hawai'i recovers as quickly as possible after a disaster.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** to HB 1343.



Chamber *of* Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Economic Development & Business
Friday, February 6, 2015 at 9:20 A.M.
Conference Room 312, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1343 RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

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Chair Kawakami, Vice Chair Kong, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 1343, which appropriates moneys for the establishment of a business recovery center within the department of defense.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Businesses play an important role in providing resources and information after a natural disaster. Establishment of a business recovery center to facilitate communication between state and county agencies and local businesses is a good start to help businesses and their employees begin to recover and revitalize the economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.